

Senate Majority Leader Gloria Romero

The Majority Monday Memo

A look ahead in the California Senate

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Senate Democrats: Welcome to the Majority Monday Memo – my effort to keep you up to date on the major events coming up in and around the Senate. Please submit items you would like included in future memos to my office in Room 313, or by e-mail to Gloria.Romero@sen.ca.gov or paul.hefner@sen.ca.gov

Monday

LABOR CONFERENCE: Senate President pro Tem Perata, Assembly Speaker Nuñez, Senator Alarcon and Assemblymember Koretz address opening of State Labor Federation and Building Trades Council's annual conference. **Sheraton Hotel at 9 a.m.**

COURTHOUSE SECURITY: Senator Soto's SB 584 targeting evasion of security in courthouses and designed to prevent situations that caused the Atlanta Courthouse shootings will be up for a Senate floor vote. **Senate floor session at 11 a.m.**

PENSION REFORM: Senator Soto's Public Employment & Retirement Committee will consider Senate Democrats' package of special session legislation on pension reform by Senators Dunn, Speier, Soto and Ducheny. **Room 2040 at 1 p.m. or upon adjournment.**

TEACHER OF THE YEAR: Ceremony immediately following Senate floor session. Reception follows in room 211. **Senate floor at 1 p.m.**

WEST NILE VIRUS: Senator Florez's Select Committee will hold an informational hearing on the issue. **Room 3191 at 3 p.m.**

HEALTH CARE REFORM: Senator Kuehl's universal health insurance bill, SB 840, will be discussed in Appropriations Committee. **Room 4203 upon adjournment.**

Tuesday

ENVIRONMENT: The Environmental Health Legislative Working Group will hold a rally in support of this year's major environmental justice bills, including SB 879 by Senator Escutia, SB 484 by Senator Migden and SB 459 by Senator Romero. **North Steps at 12 noon.**

Wednesday

DARFUR GENOCIDE: Senate President pro Tem Perata's Rules Committee will discuss Assemblymember Koretz's joint resolution regarding the Darfur genocide. **Room 113 at 1:30 p.m.**

GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEES: Senate President Pro Tem Perata's Rules Committee will discuss the confirmation of Suzanne Ambrose as Director of Fair Employment and Housing, Ronald Joseph as Director of the Department of General Services and Richard Ross as Chief of the Bureau of Automotive Repair. **Room 113 at 1:30 p.m.**

RALLY: California Labor Federation holds "Action Day for a Better California." **West Steps at 3 p.m.**

Thursday

MEDIA ACCESS: Senator Romero's SB 239 to provide greater sunshine into the state's correctional system will be up for a vote on the Senate floor. **Senate floor session at 9 a.m.**

STEM CELL RESEARCH: Senator Migden's Appropriations Committee will consider Senator Ortiz's SB 18 to improve oversight of stem-cell research bonds. **Room 4203 at 1:30 p.m.**

SUSPENSE FILE: Senator Migden's Appropriations Committee will meet to vote on bills on the committee's suspense file. **Room 4203 at 1 p.m.**

Friday

FLOOR SESSION: Senate will convene for Friday session at 9 a.m.

Initiative Watch:

SIGNATURE VERIFICATION NOW PENDING:

- “Prescription Drug Discounts” Initiative Statute.
Signatures Required: 373,816
- “Electric Service Providers Regulation” Initiative Statute.
Signatures Required: 373,816
- Reapportionment Constitutional Amendment.
Signatures Required: 598,105
- “Public Employee Union Dues” Initiative Statute.
Signatures Required: 373,816
- “Public School Teachers -- Waiting Period for Permanent Status”
Initiative Statute.
Signatures Required: 373,816

Awaiting Attorney General’s Title and Summary: **6**

Currently in Circulation: **62**

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